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Head Office,
Motor Vehicles Department,
Thiruvananthapuram,
Date: 08.8.2000.

Copy From

The Secretary,
State Transport Authority,
Thiruvananthapuram.

To

All Regional Transport Officers and
Joint Regional Transport Officers.

Sir,

Sub:- I. vs. Dept. - Alteration of new model Cars as
Tourist Taxis - directions - reg.

intending that after the
only after receiving the
approval of STA.
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Circular 39/98 dated 14.12.98 of the Transport Commissioner empowers the registering authorities to alter a Motor Car as a tourist taxi without requiring a sanction from the State Transport Authority. This does not authorise them to alter any make of new motor cars as tourist taxis without ascertaining whether the particular model enjoys the approval of State Transport Authority for granting a tourist permit to it. That is the registering authorities are not to decide that a tourist taxi permit can be given to a new model motor car. Just as a new model vehicle requires approval for registration, a new make of motor car also requires the approval of State Transport Authority for the purpose of granting a tourist permit to it. Some registering authorities do not seem to care this aspect which is creating unnecessary problems. Minutes of the meeting of the State Transport Authority Board is communicated to all registering authorities as they are expected to be aware of the models which are approved by the STA and act accordingly. Hence all Regional Transport Officers and Joint Regional Transport Officers are directed to verify and ascertain whether a new model motor car enjoys the approval of STA before altering it as a tourist taxi. In any case of aberration the onus will rest with the registering authority that made the alteration.

Yours faithfully,

For Secretary, STA, Thiruvananthapuram.

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